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E.O. 11652: XGDS-3
TAGS: PROP CH US
SUBJ: VOA JAMMING

REF: STATE 76485

1. USLO AGREES WITH CONCLUSION IN USIA MEMORANDUM OF AUG 29, 1977 THAT THE PRC DOES NOT CONTINUE TO JAM TO VOA CHINESE LANGUAGE GROADCAST ON A SYSTEMATIC NATION-WIDE BASIS. JAMMING IN THE PEKING AREA IS VERY SPORADIC AND CHINESE LANGUAGE BROADCASTS CAN BE HEARD, OFTEN QUITE CLEARLY, IN THE OTHER URBAN AREAS. BASIC PROBLEM APPEARS TO BE WEAK SIGNAL STRENGTH AND ATMOSPHERIC INTERFERENCE. WHILE THERE IS LIMITED EVIDENCE TO SUGGEST THAT THE PRC DOES JAM VOA BROADCASTS SPORADICALLY OUTSIDE OF PEKING, WE FEEL THAT AN INFORMAL USLO APPROACH WOULD NOT GET VERY FAR AND MIGHT BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. WE ALSO WOULD NOT WANT TO RUN RISK OF LINKING VOA JAMMING ISSUE WITH OUR NASCENT INFORMATIONAL/ CULTURAL PROGRAM.

2. ALTERNATIVELY USLO SUGGESTS WE CONTINUE TO MONITOR VOA BROADCASTS TO ASCERTAIN EXCENT OF JAMMING BEFORE CONFIDENTIAL

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ANY APPROACH IS MADE. USLO DEPENDENT PREVIOUSLY CONTRACTED FOR REGULAR MONITORING NOW HAS ANOTHER FULL-TIME POSITION, MAKING SYSTEMATIC MONITORING DIFFICULT. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO RESOLVE THIS PROBLEM. IN ADDITION USLO PERSONNEL DO NOT HAVE THE TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE NECESSARY TO DETERMINE IF INTERFERENCE IS ACTUALLY JAMMING OR THE RESULT OF UNINTENTIONAL

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INTERFERENCE. WE PROPOSE TAPING SEVERAL BROADCASTS
FOR DETAILED ANALYSIS BY VOA.
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